



September 29, 2020

The Honorable James E. Clyburn  
Chair  
House Select Subcommittee on the CORONAVIRUS CRISIS  
2157 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steve Scalise  
Ranking Member  
House Select Subcommittee on the CORONAVIRUS CRISIS  
2049 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Clyburn and Scalise,

On behalf of the members of the Medical Library Association (MLA) and Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL), we commend you for your leadership in the examination of the wide-range of issues emerging from the impact of the CORONAVIRUS throughout the nation.

Our organizations believe that quality information is essential for improved health and are firmly committed to

- The use of scientific evidence in making health care decisions
- Public awareness of, access to, and use of high-quality health information
- An open, inclusive, and collaborative environment within and outside the profession, and
- The advancement and support of accessibility for all stakeholder groups

In support of these principles and core values, and the work of the Select Subcommittee, we share the attached statement, *MLA/AAHSL Call for Transparency and Impartiality in the Dissemination of Health Information*.

The health sciences library community is pleased to support your work and welcomes any opportunity to support your efforts and help further the Subcommittee's goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Lisa K. Traditi'.

Lisa K. Traditi, AHIP  
President  
Medical Library Association

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sandra Franklin'.

Sandra Franklin, AHIP, FMLA  
President  
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries